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National
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Service



rivers, trails, and conservation assistance program

OKLAHOMA STATEWIDE INITIATIVES

Project Goals

- Support the National Park Service Office of the State Coordinator Strategic Plan.
- Establish coordination and partnership between all public land management agencies in the state.
- Support the establishment of a statewide land trust in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, Oklahoma State University, Land Trust Alliance and others.
- Support local planning efforts in Roger Mills County and Kingfisher for trails, open space, and gateway initiatives.

Background

Oklahoma is faced with a variety of challenges and opportunities in relation to its cultural and natural resources. A National Park Service State Coordinator's position was created in Oklahoma in 2001. Its primary function is to act as a central point of contact and liaison between the National Park Service, the State of Oklahoma, and various political and non-governmental entities in the state. This project will support the State Coordinator and focus the skills, abilities, and resources of the National Park Service where they will do the most good.

National Park Service Role

RTCA will provide planning facilitation and technical support to the State Coordinator and various initiatives through a collaborative process aimed at building a seamless partnership of public and private conservation and recreation agencies and facilities throughout the state. RTCA will also provide information on both technical and funding resources for the various projects, and support the project with research on the economic, public health and other community benefits of similar projects.

Project Results to Date

- Convened first-ever statewide meeting on land trusts and conservation options in 2002.
- Supported first-ever meeting of all public land management agencies in the state in 2002.
- Completed statewide strategic plan.
- Facilitated local planning meetings in Roger Mills County and Kingfisher to set community-driven goals and actions.

Washita Battlefield



Project Partners

- National Park Service Oklahoma State Coordinator
- State of Oklahoma Department of Agriculture
- State of Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Parks
- Oklahoma City National Memorial
- Chickasaw National Recreation Area
- Washita Battlefield National Historic Site
- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Bureau of Indian Affairs

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- Cherokee Nation
- Trust for Public Land
- Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture
- Land Trust Alliance
- Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association
- Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce
- Kingfisher Chamber of Commerce
- City of Kingfisher
- Roger Mills County Gateway Community Committee
- Town of Cheyenne
- Roger Mills County
- Roger Mills Arts and Humanities Council

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